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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE TODMAN ARA ONLY

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, CI  
SUBJ: CHILE -- HUMAN RIGHTS

1. THIS IS AN INFORMAL MESSAGE, THROUGH WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO SEEK YOUR GUIDANCE.
2. UNDERSTANDABLY, THE SANTIAGO PRESS TODAY HIGHLIGHTS THE SHARP REACTION OF THE ARGENTINE AND URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENTS TO THE SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT U.S. AID TO THEM WOULD BE REDUCED IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. ALTHOUGH THE MODALITIES ARE DIFFERENT, WE HERE IN SANTIAGO HAVE READ THE DISPATCHES FROM BUENOS AIRES AND MONTEVIDEO WITH A CERTAIN SENSE OF DEJA VU. WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE SAME CYCLE, BUT WE ARE MUCH FARTHER ALONG. THE CHILEANS HAVE VENTED THEIR ANGER AND HAVE NOW SETTLED DOWN IN A MORE SENSIBLE ATTITUDE. THEY ARE STILL OF COURSE DEEPLY OFFENDED, BUT THEY ARE HAVING TO CONSIDER HOW THEY CAN GET OUT OF THE BIND IN WHICH THE U. S. ATTITUDE LEAVES THEM.

3. I WAS ON THE POINT OF SENDING YOU A THINK-PIECE CABLE SUGGESTING A PROCEDURE FOR SOUNDING THE CHILEANS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING OUT SOME INCENTIVES FOR CONCRETE HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS HERE. (SOMEWHAT TO MY SURPRISE,

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I GATHER THAT THE NEW REPORT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES ALSO INCLUDES, THOUGH FROM A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW, THE THOUGHT OF MATCHING OUR ASSISTANCE POLICIES WITH THE RECEIVING COUNTRIES' POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.)

4. FOR THE MOMENT, THE EMOTIONALISM CREATED BY THE ARGENTINE AND URUGUAYAN REACTIONS WILL MAKE IT MORE

DIFFICULT FOR THE CHILEANS TO CONTEMPLATE ANY DISCUSSIONS  
WITH US ON SUCH A SUBJECT. THE THEME OF SOUTHERN CONE  
SOLIDARITY WILL BE STRESSED. BUT THIS WILL PASS. MEANWHILE,  
I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR JUDGMENT ON WHETHER IT WOULD BE  
WORTHWHILE TO SEND IN, FOR DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS, MY  
THOUGHTS ON THE NEXT STAGE IN OUR HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE  
WITH THE GOC.

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